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TITLE OF INVENTION SELF-OPENING CLOSURE FOR COMPOSITE PACKAGINGS OR FOR  
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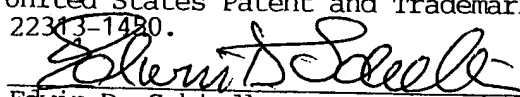
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: **International Search Report**  
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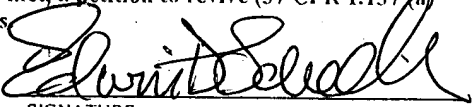
I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail-Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addresseed to: Hon. Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/519304</b><br>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/CH2003/000392</b>   |              | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>Basic Nat'l Fee: \$300.00</b><br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE</b> (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)): <b>Search Fee: \$500.00</b><br>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) <b>Exam. Fee:</b><br>nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO <b>\$200.00</b><br>and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO. <del>\$200.00</del><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to<br>USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO <del>\$900.00</del><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO<br>but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO <del>\$250.00</del><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO<br>but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) <del>\$720.00</del><br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO<br>and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) <del>\$200.00</del><br><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b> |              | <b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months<br>from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |              | \$ 1,000.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">CLAIMS</th> <th style="width: 20%;">NUMBER FILED</th> <th style="width: 20%;">NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th style="width: 20%;">RATE</th> <th style="width: 20%;">\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>14 - 20 =</td> <td>-0-</td> <td>x \$18.00</td> <td>\$ -0-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1 - 3 =</td> <td>-0-</td> <td>x \$84.00</td> <td>\$ -0-</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>\$ -0-</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b></td> <td>\$ 1,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  |              | CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | Total claims | 14 - 20 = | -0- | x \$18.00 | \$ -0- | Independent claims | 1 - 3 = | -0- | x \$84.00 | \$ -0- | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) |  |  |  | \$ -0- | <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b> |  |  |  | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ -0- |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above<br>are reduced by 1/2.   |              | \$ -0-   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              | \$ 1,000.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
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| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |              | \$ 1,000.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be<br>accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +   |              | \$ -0-   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |              | \$ 1,000.00  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| Amount to be refunded:  |              | \$   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| charged:  |              | \$   |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <b>***1,000.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any<br>overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>19-0450</b> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card<br>information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.   |              |  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| <b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a)<br>or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |              |  |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br><b>Edwin D. Schindler</b><br><b>Five Hirsch Avenue</b><br><b>P. O. Box 966</b><br><b>Coram, New York 11727-0966</b>  |              | <br>SIGNATURE<br><b>Edwin D. Schindler</b><br>NAME<br><b>31,459</b><br>REGISTRATION NUMBER |              |              |      |    |              |           |     |           |        |                    |         |     |           |        |   |  |  |  |        |                                      |  |  |  |             |        |  |